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I. HEADING

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Subject: Lindsay Light II

POLREP #: 1 (INITIAL)

II. BACKGROUND

Site ID: ZA
Response Authority: CERCLA/ENFORCEMENT
NPL Status: Non-NPL
Start Date: October 1, 1996

III. RESPONSE INFORMATION

A) Initial Situation

A gamma radiation survey conducted in June 1993 by USEPA and IDNS at a public parking lot at 316 East Illinois St., found the parking lot to have elevated gamma levels. In May 1994, an extent of contamination study was conducted by the property owner, Chicago Dock & Canal Trust, as required by an Administrative Order by Consent (AOC) dated January 27, 1994. A major result from this study was that there were 12 areas exhibiting elevated gamma as high or higher than U.S. EPA had previously detected. It is believed the principal source for the elevated gamma readings is from thorium. The parking lot was once the site of a building leased by the Lindsay Light Company, which made mantles for gas lights with thorium.

B) Actions Taken

January 27, 1994: AOC/Docket # VW-94-C-22 was signed by USEPA and The Chicago Dock & Canal Trust.

March 13, 1996: USEPA approved Final Report required by AOC/Docket # VW-94-C-22.

June 6, 1996: Unilateral Administrative Order (UAO)/Docket # VW-96-C-353 issued to the following Respondents, The Chicago Dock & Canal Trust and Kerr-McGee Chemical Corporation.

July 15, 1996: The Respondents notify USEPA of their intent to comply with the UAO.

October 1, 1996: USEPA approves the Scoping and Planning Documents submitted by the Respondents. The Respondents prepared scoping and planning documents in lieu of a Work Plan because since September 6, 1996 they have been trying to further delineate the site in preparation for excavation.

IV. OTHER INFORMATION

The parking lot is currently in use and will be closed to the public on October 14, 1996. Tentatively, site excavation will begin on October 21, 1996.